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THREE ARRAIGNED, GUN, HEROIN SEIZED AS PART OF ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO AREA VIOLENCE

BROCKTON – Thirty-three members of the Massachusetts State Police, including troopers assigned to Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz's Office descended on Brockton this weekend as part of an ongoing investigation into multiple shootings in the city.

Members of the State Police Gang Unit, VFAS, STOP TEAM, K-9 Unit, Airwing, and CAT teams combined with Brockton Police and, as a result of their efforts, three Brockton men were arrested, 300 grams of heroin worth an estimated \$12,000 and a loaded .38 pistol were taken off the street.

"State Police worked around the clock in Brockton this weekend to follow the evidence," DA Cruz said. "These arrests and the seizure of guns and drugs off the street are a direct result of the diligence and teamwork of State Police and Brockton Police working together."

State Police and Brockton Police responded Saturday night at 6:20 pm to a report of a male victim shot outside Oak Street Convenience Store in Brockton. The assailant fled the scene and police issued a BOLO alert for the suspected vehicle. The victim was taken to Boston Medical Center for treatment of a leg wound.

Early Sunday morning, a State Police sergeant was on patrol in an unmarked vehicle when he encountered the suspected vehicle allegedly involved in the convenience store shooting. A confrontation ensued and a passenger exited the vehicle and fired four rounds at the sergeant before speeding off. That vehicle and suspect remains at large and the investigation is ongoing.

DA Cruz strongly supports Senate Bill 791, An Act Relative to Mandatory Sentences for those Committing an Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, sponsored by State Senator Vinny deMacedo (R-Plymouth). If passed, the bill would place a mandatory minimum limit of 10 years in prison for anyone convicted of committing an act of assault or battery on a law enforcement officer by discharging a firearm.

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State Police with Brockton Police on Sunday executed a search warrant in Taunton where they seized 300 grams of heroin and arrested Kelby Correia and Stephen Cabral on warrants.

Correia (DOB: 11/12/91) of Brockton, was arraigned today on two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and one count each of carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a loaded firearm without a license and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling for allegedly shooting the victim outside Oak Street Convenience Store.

Cabral (DOB: 5/6/91) of Brockton, was arraigned on two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and one count of being an accessory after the fact for allegedly driving Correia in the convenience store shooting on Saturday.

Police additionally took out warrants and charged Cabral with a shooting that occurred on May 24th when he allegedly fired shots into a crowd of people standing outside a Brockton bar at closing time. Five people were hospitalized as a result of the incident. Cabral was arraigned today in Brockton District Court on five counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and one count each of possession of a loaded firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, carrying a firearm without a license and carrying a loaded firearm without a license.

Both defendants were held without bail pending dangerousness hearings on June 22nd.

State Police also arrested Shane Jacques (DOB: 12/3/93) of Brockton. Jacques was allegedly carrying a .38 pistol with 10 rounds in his waistband. He was arraigned in Brockton District Court on one count each of possession of a firearm without an FID card, subsequent offense, carrying a firearm without a license, possessing ammunition without an FID card, carrying a loaded firearm without a license and receiving stolen property greater than \$250.

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